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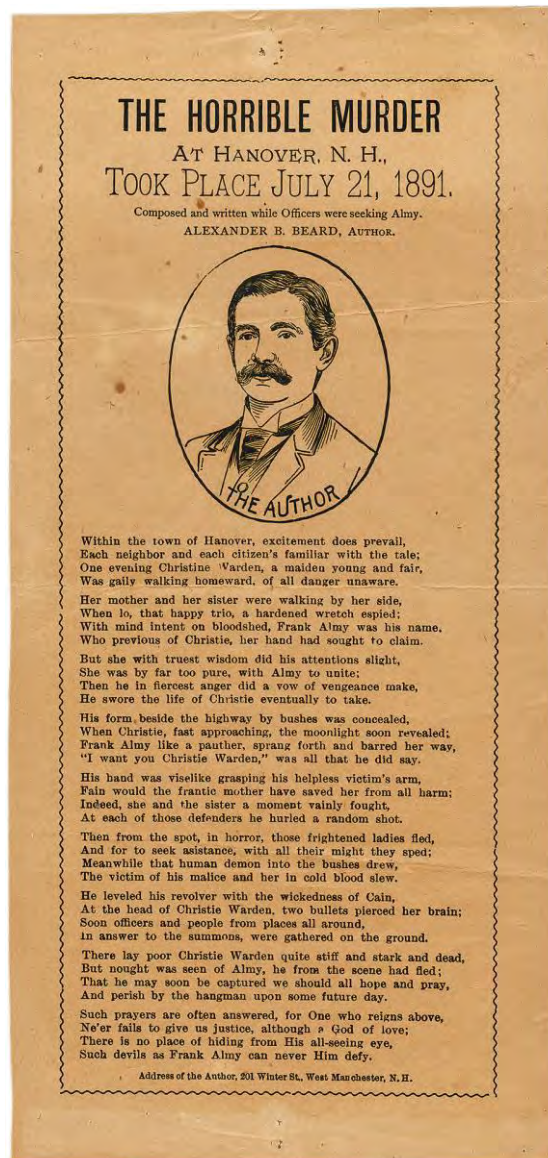
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"Such Devils as Frank Almy Can Never Him Defy"

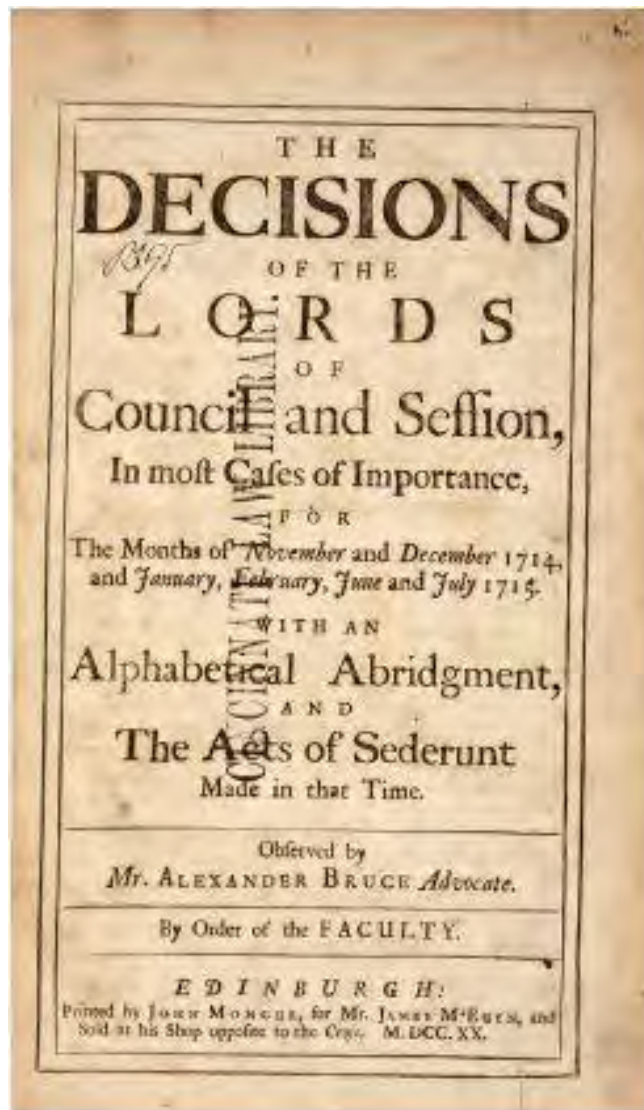
1. Beard, Alexander B.

[Almy, Frank C.].

The Horrible Murder at Hanover, N.H.: Took Place July 21, 1891. Composed and Written While the Officers Were Seeking Almy. West Manchester, NH: [Published by the Author], 1891.

11" x 5-1/4" broadside, nine verses enclosed by typographical border below headline and small woodcut portrait of the author. Light soiling and edgewear, three fold lines, pin-holes at head and foot. A well-preserved copy of a rare item. \$500.

* Only edition. A verse account of woman's murder committed in Hanover, New Hampshire by a rejected suitor, Frank Almy. After the murder, he hid for a month in a barn. When he was eventually captured, the captors discovered that he was George Abbott, a fugitive who had escaped the New Hampshire State Prison while serving a term for burglary. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Michigan, Yale). Not in McDade. [Order This Item](#)



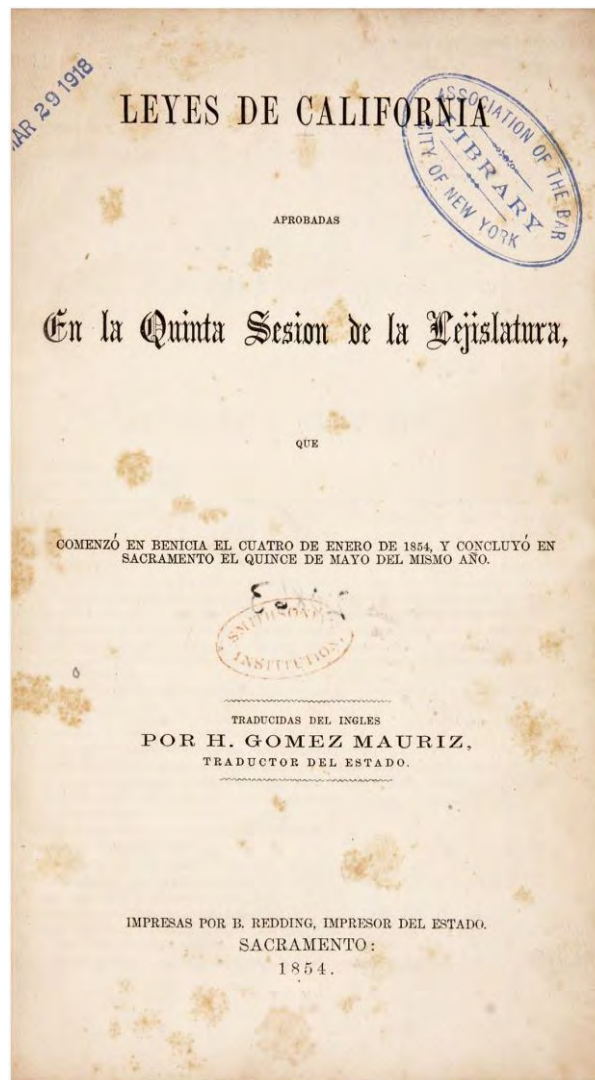
Bruce's Reports of the Court of Session, 1714-1715

2. Bruce, Alexander [d. 1729].

The Decisions of the Lords of Council and Session, In Most Cases of Importance, For The Months of November and December 1714, And January, February, June and July 1715. With an Alphabetical Abridgment, And the Acts of Sederunt Made in that Time. Observed by Mr. Alexander Bruce Advocate. By Order of the Faculty. Edinburgh: printed by John Moncur, for Mr. James M'Euen, 1720. vi [i.e. iv], 178, 14 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 6-3/4").

Recent library buckram, gilt institution name to boards, red and black lettering piece and gilt-stamped library name to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities. Library stamps to edges, preliminaries and rear endleaves, moderate toning to text, small early owner (?) initials to title page. \$200.

* Only edition. The Court of Session is Scotland's supreme civil court. The first collection of that court's reports, compiled by Sir Alexander Gibson, Lord Durie, covers the sessions of 1621 through 1642. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78719. [Order This Item](#)



1854 California Session Laws in Spanish

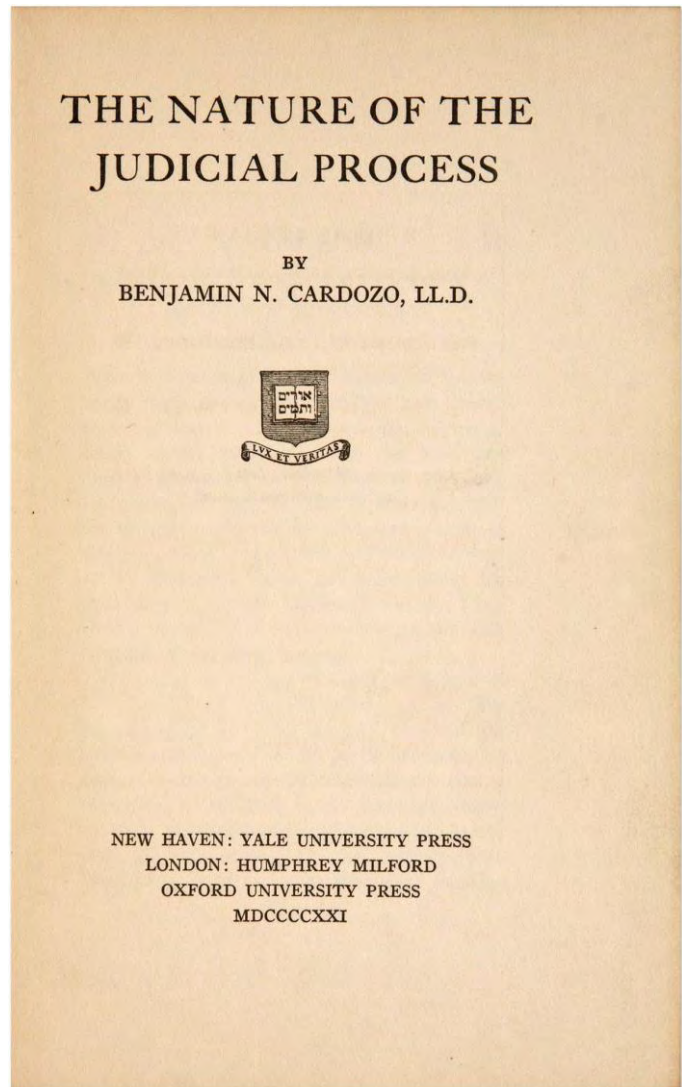
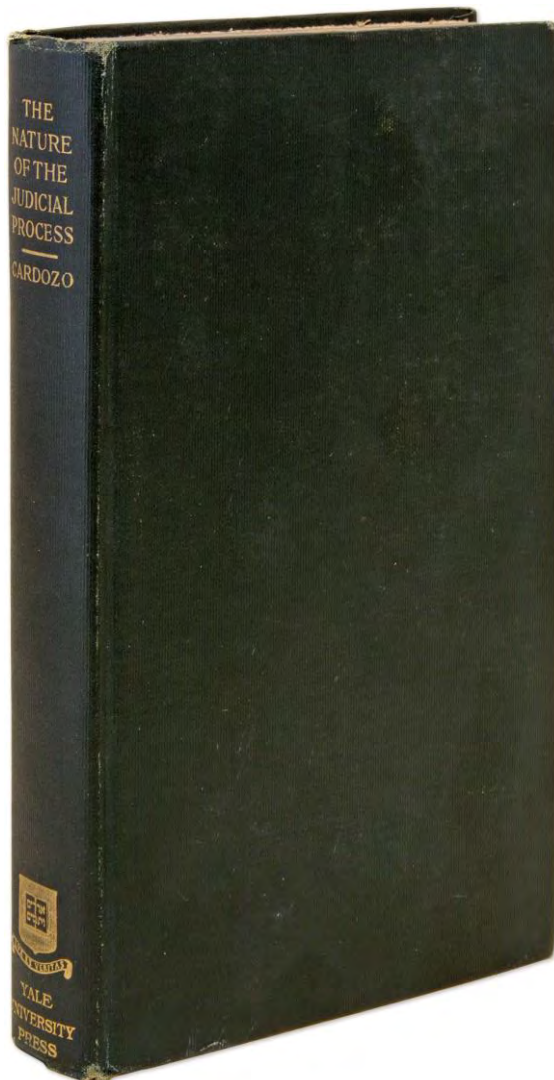
3. [California].

Mauriz, H. Gomez, Translator.

Leyes de California Aprobadas en la Quinta Sesion de la Lejislatura que Comenzó en Benicia el Cuatro de Enero de 1854, Y Concluyó en Sacramento el Quince de Mayo del Mismo Año. Traducidas del Ingles por H. Gomez Mauriz, Traductor del Estado. Sacramento: B. Redding, 1854. iv, 223 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Early 20th-century cloth, red and black lettering pieces and small library shelf label to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. A few finger smudges, some soiling to rear board. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, small library stamps to title page, a few library marks to its verso. \$500.

* Spanish-language edition of laws passed at the fifth legislative session. Early California statutes were issued in English and Spanish, as required by a provision in the state constitution. In 1849, when it was drafted, Spanish was the native language of around 13,000 of California's nearly 100,000 residents, many of them recent arrivals due to the gold rush. OCLC locates 10 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Michigan, Yale). Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 22. [Order This Item](#)



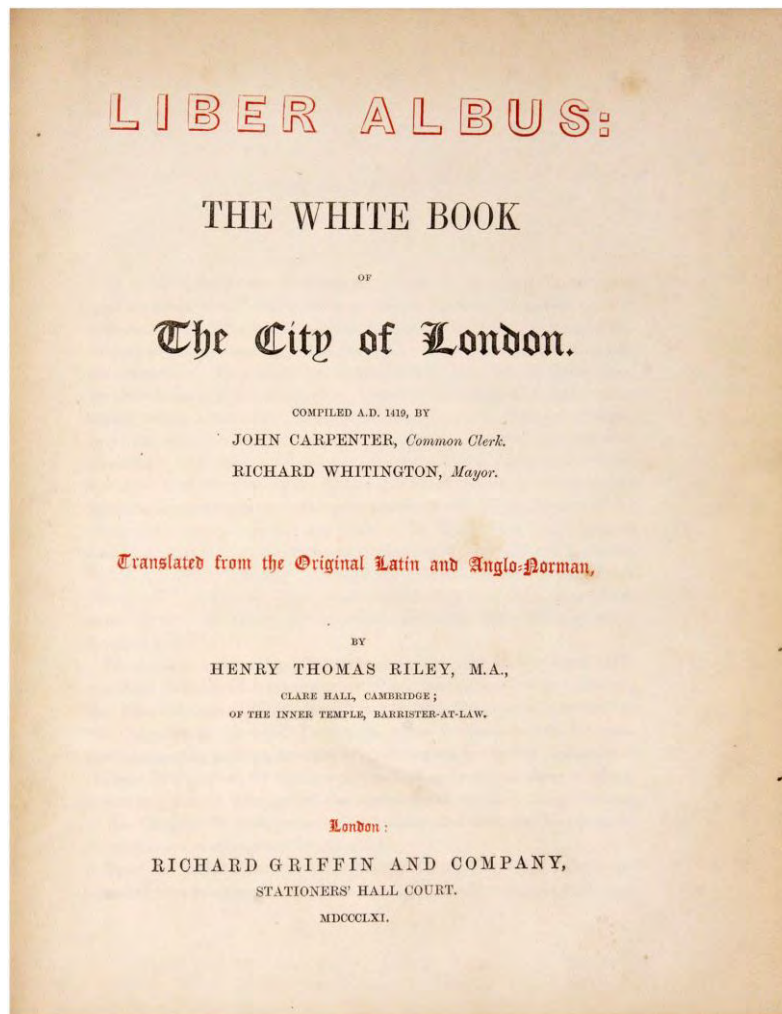
First Edition of Cardozo's Most Influential Work

4. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

The Nature of the Judicial Process. New Haven: Yale University Press, [1921]. 180 pp.

Original publisher's cloth. Rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, early owner signature to front free endpaper. A well-preserved copy. \$750.

* First edition. One of the most important legal works of the twentieth century, *The Nature of the Judicial Process* argued that judges create law. Along with Holmes' *The Common Law*, this book is one of the seminal works that helped the American bar to move beyond the formalism (and conservatism) of nineteenth-century jurisprudence. [Order This Item](#)



**Fascinating Insights into the Political,
Social, Legal and Commercial Life of Medieval London**

5. Carpenter, John [d.1441].

Whittington, Richard [d.1423]

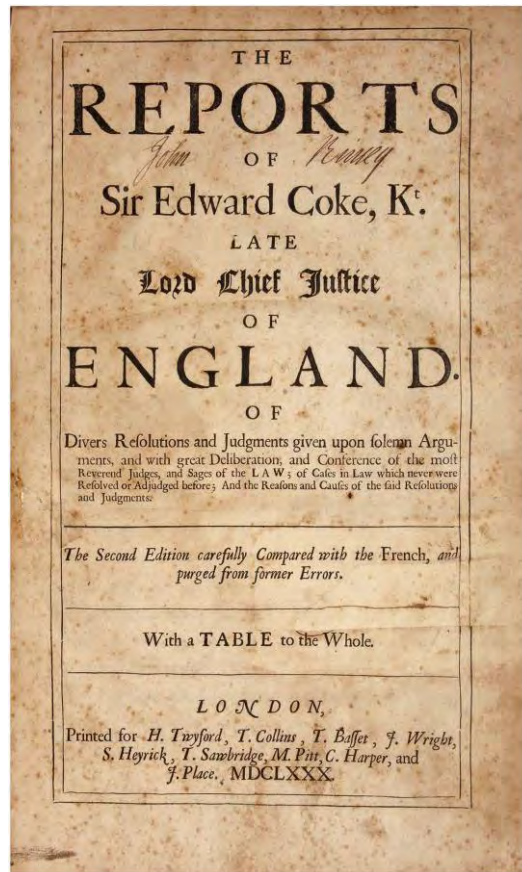
Riley, Henry Thomas [1816-1878], Translator.

Liber Albus: The White Book of the City of London. Compiled A.D. 1419, By J. Carpenter, Common Clerk, R. Whittington, Mayor. Translated from the Original Latin and Anglo-Norman, by H.T. Riley. London: Richard Griffin and Company, 1861. x, [2], 660 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, top-edge gilt. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few nicks to spine, corners lightly bumped, contemporary armorial bookplate (of John Harrison) to front pastedown, front hinge just starting at head. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$350.

* First edition as an independent work, originally published in 1858 as Volume I of the three-volume *Munimenta Gildhallae Londoniensis*. A compilation of laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations, the *Liber Albus* is a fascinating digest of information concerning social, political and commercial activity in London from the twelfth to the early fifteenth century. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (UC-Berkeley) *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:665.

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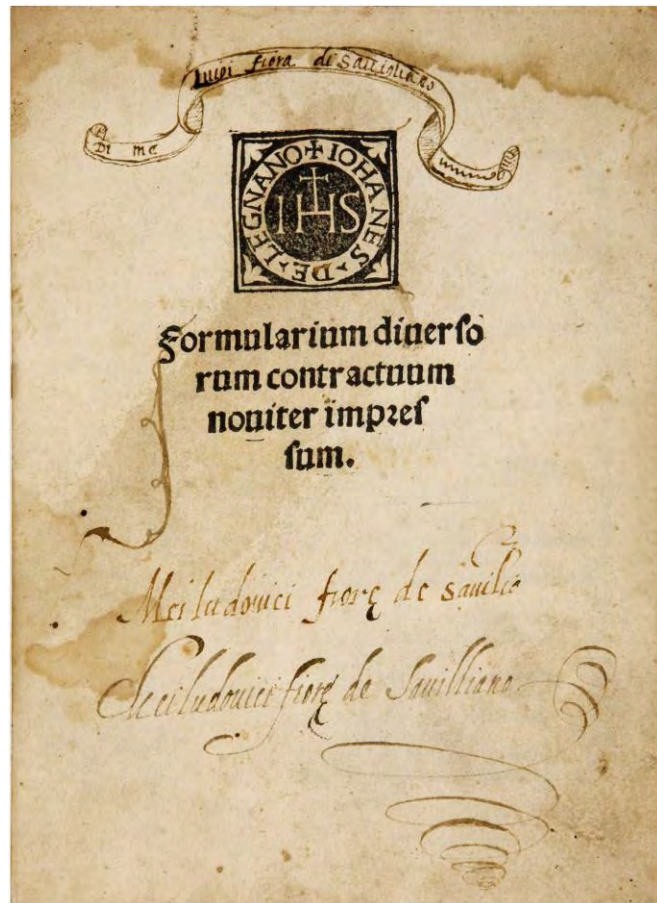
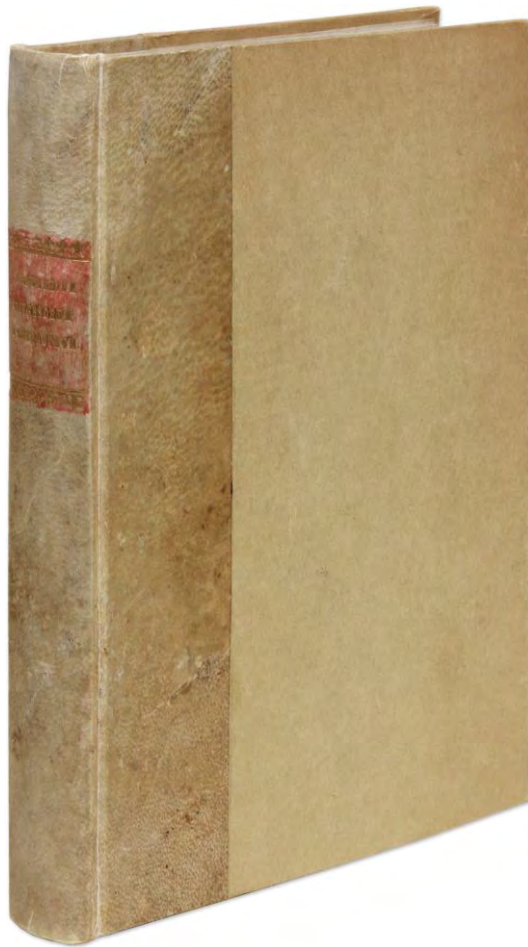
Early English-Language Edition of "The Reports"

6. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

The Reports of Sir Edward Coke, Kt. Late Lord Chief Justice of England. Of Divers Resolutions and Judgments Given Upon Solemn Arguments, And with Great Deliberation, And Conference of the Most Reverend Judges, And Sages of the Law; Of Cases in Law Which Never Were Resolved or Adjudged Before; And the Reasons and Causes of the Said Resolutions and Judgments. With a Table to the Whole. Carefully Compared with the French, And Purged from Former Errors. With a Table to the Whole. London: Printed for H. Twyford, T. Collins [et al.], 1680. [iv], 882, [122] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Twentieth-century buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, some rubbing to spine ends and corners. Light browning to text, occasional light foxing, faint dampstains to margins of a few leaves. An early and a recent repair to title page, early owner signature to its recto, library marks to its verso, brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves. \$750.

* Second English-language edition. First published in law-French in thirteen parts from 1601 to 1659, Coke's *Reports*, which contain cases from 1572 to 1616, are not reports in the conventional sense but highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized according to the cases they consider. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments, and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. Taken together, the *Reports* form the most extensive and detailed treatment of common law pleading that had yet appeared. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. His accounts, especially of pleading, were applauded for both their clarity and usefulness as stylistic models for students. And his selection of cases, cited frequently in subsequent years, has served as the starting point for numerous decisions. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R5436. [Order This Item](#)



1502 Edition of a Classic Handbook for Notaries

7. [Contracts].

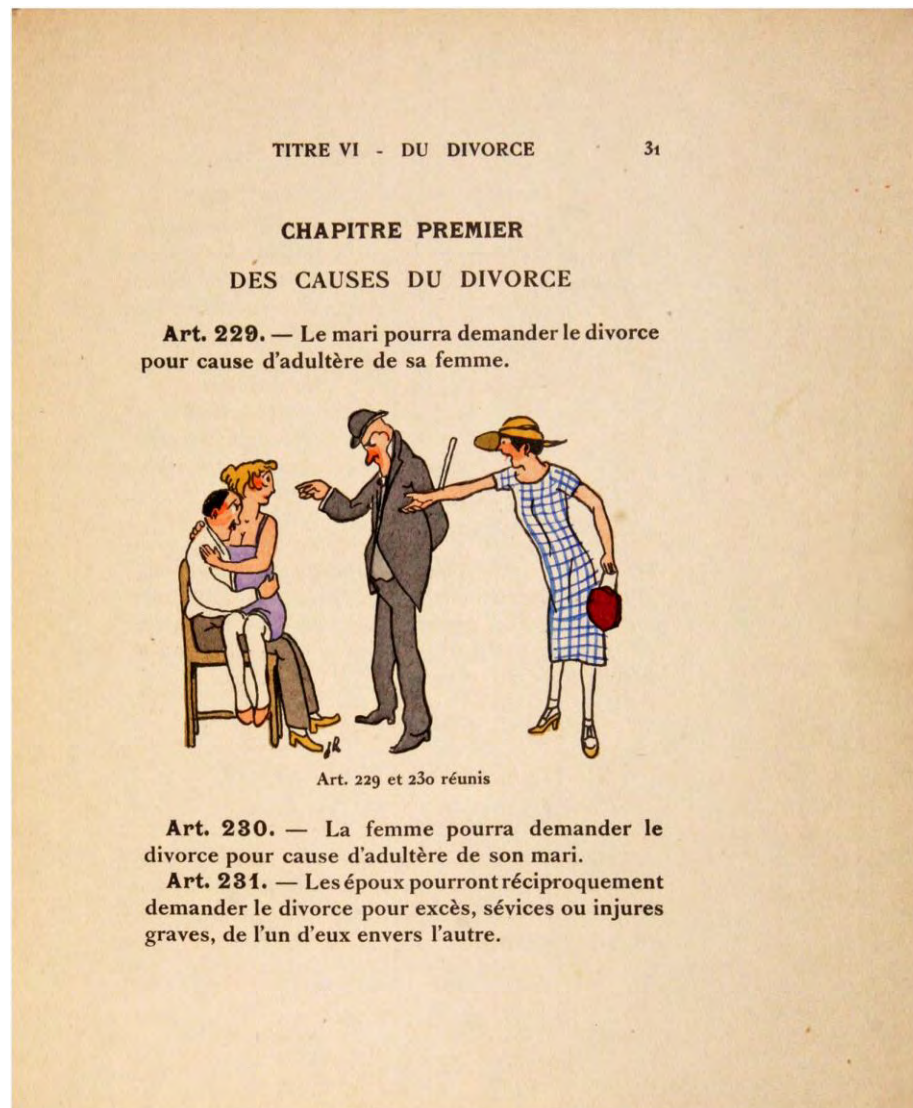
[Notaries].

Formularium Diversorum Contractuum Noviter Impressum. [Milan: Giovanni Angelo Scinzenzeler, 23 June 1502]. [iv], 120 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent quarter vellum over paper-covered boards, gilt title to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, edges trimmed with occasional minor loss to text, legibility not affected. Brief annotations and underlining in a few places, early annotations and owner signature (Luigi Fiora di Savigliano) to title page. \$1,850.

* First post-incunable edition. Notaries were responsible for such documents as marriage contracts, commercial contracts and wills. For most people, they were the primary or only legal professionals encountered in everyday life. First published in 1480, this well-regarded guide for drafting and filing contracts according to canon and Roman law went through several editions into the seventeenth century. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of our attractively printed 1502 edition, none in North America. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 19490.

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A Witty (And Very French) View of Family Law

8. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961], Illustrator.

Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes: Titres V. Du Mariage. VI. Du Divorce. VII. De la Paternité. VIII. De l'Adoption. IX. De la Puissance Paternelle. X. De la Minorité. XI. De la Majorité. Paris: Rene Kieffer, [1925]. [vi], 126, [4] pp. Pochoir color text illustrations. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Original publisher stiff wrappers with protective tissue-paper wrapper, untrimmed edges. Binding slightly cocked, some rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends, creases and a few small cracks to spine. Light toning to text, vivid illustrations, internally clean. \$750.

* From an edition limited to 900 copies, this number 376. Hémard presents the official text of the sections of the French Civil Code dealing with family law with witty, and often mildly erotic, color pochoir illustrations. Hemard applied this treatment to two other legal works *Code Penal* (1940) and *Code General des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées* (1944). Hémard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books. [Order This Item](#)



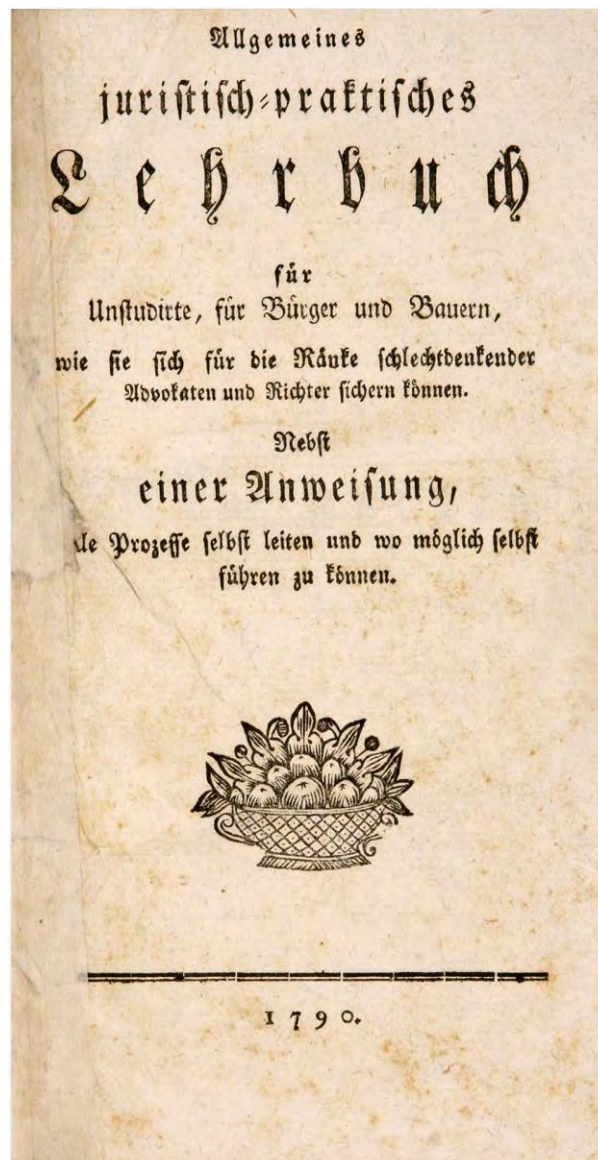
First Edition by Godefroy

**9. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.
Theophilus, Antecessor [6th-7th C. CE], Editor.
Godefroy, Denis [1549-1622], Editor and Translator.**

INSTITOUTA THEOPHILOU ANTIKENSOROS. Institutiones Theophilo Antecessore, Graeco Interprete. Imper. Iustiniani Institutionum Libri IIII. Paratitla & Notae ad Eundem Theophilum Graecum, Latinumque Ipsi Institutionibus Latinis ek Parallelo Coniunctum Commissumque. Graeca Titulorum de Verborum Significatione, Et de Regulis Iuris Fragmenta Hinc & Inde Collecta. [Geneva]: Apud Guillelmum Laemarium, 1587. [viii], 308, 329, [7] pp. Final leaf blank. Main text in Greek with parallel Latin translation and side-notes. Octavo (10" x 6-1/2").

Especially attractive contemporary vellum, blind and black-stamped fillets, rules and corner fleurons to boards, black-stamped image of Lady Justice, "M M E T" and "1587" to center of front board, black-stamped image of Lucretia to center of rear board, blind fillets and early hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate soiling, spine darkened, corners and spine ends bumped and lightly worn, faint early manuscript annotations to front board, front joint cracked with some worming, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to text, light soiling, later owner signatures and small faint owner stamp to title page. \$2,850.

* First edition by Godefroy, one of two issues from 1587. Compiled around 161 CE, the *Institutes* is an elementary treatise on Roman private law that served as a standard text for 300 years. After its rediscovery during the medieval era it became a staple of European legal education. Along with the *Code*, *Novels* and *Digest* it is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, a title coined by Godefroy. Theophilus's important Greek paraphrase of the *Institutes* was first issued in 533 CE and was the standard edition in the East. His phrasing and notes made it a valuable edition for Western jurists as well. Indeed, several passages in the Latin text of the *Institutes* are difficult to understand unless they are compared to Antecessor's version. Also published in Geneva in 1587 by Eusthatius Vignon, Godefroy's translation with commentary went through later editions in 1598, 1608 and 1620. Theophilus was a professor of law in Constantinople who contributed to Justinian's codifications and the writing of the *Institutes*. Godefroy was a humanist jurist, historian and professor in Geneva and Heidelberg. His landmark 1583 *Corpus Juris Civilis* was the standard edition into the twentieth century. OCLC locates 4 copies of this edition in North American law libraries (Northwestern, UC-Berkeley, University of Minnesota, UT-Austin). *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 451110. [Order This Item](#)



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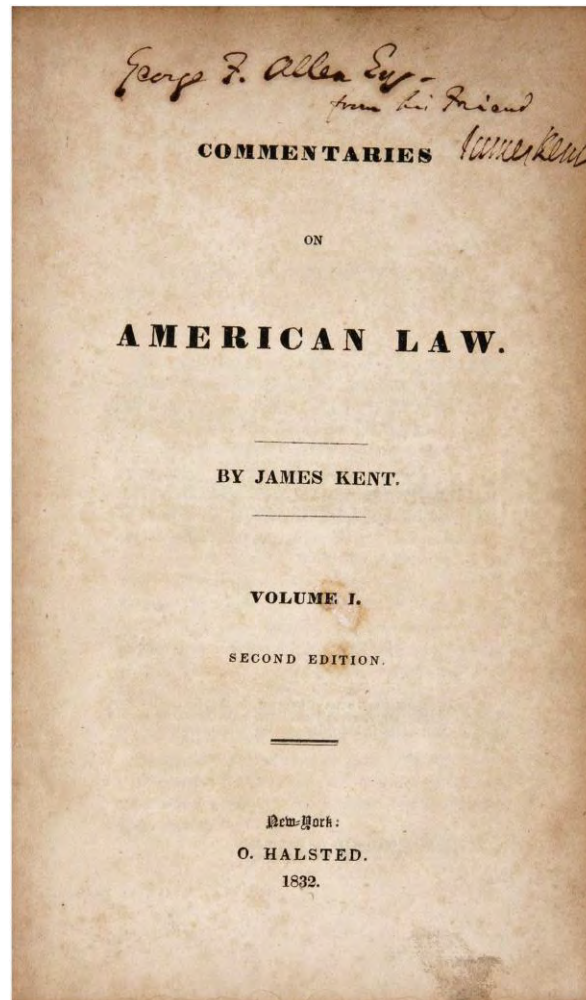
10. [Kees, Jakob Friedrich, Attributed].

Allgemeines Juristisch-Praktisches Lehrbuch für Unstudirte, Für Bürger und Bauern, Wie Sie sich für die Ränke Schlecht Denkender Advokaten und Richter Sichern Können. Nebst einer Anweisung, Alle Prozesse Selbst Leiten, Und wo Möglich selbst Führen zu Können. [N.p: s.n.], 1790. [xvi], 287 pp. Final leaf supplied in facsimile. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Recent quarter morocco over textured paper-covered boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed, title page re-hinged with negligible minor loss to left-hand margin. Light toning to text, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves. \$450.

* Second and final edition. Intended to protect the reader from "ill-intentioned lawyers and judges," this is a legal textbook for laymen living in the German states. In contrast to its Anglo-American counterparts, this book discusses jurisprudence and the philosophy of law. The first edition was published in Cothen in 1789. OCLC locates no copies of either the first or second edition in North America. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 14610426-006. [Order This Item](#)

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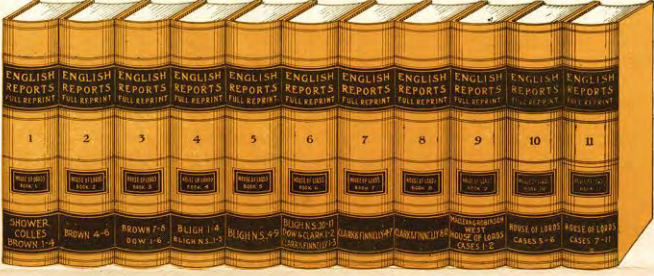
11. Kent, James [1763-1847].

Commentaries on American Law. New York: O. Halsted, 1832. Volume I of a four-volume set. xvi, 559 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spines, lower lettering piece lacking. Moderate rubbing and a few light scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, vertical crease through center of spine, hinges cracked, final three leaves of index and rear free endpaper detached and somewhat edgeworn, a few cracks to text block, chips to fore-edges of a few leaves. Presentation inscription from James Kent to head of title page, early owner signatures to front pastedown and free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, notes in early hand to a few leaves, owner inscription dated 1951 to heads of pp. 208-209. \$1,000.

* Second edition. The inscription reads: "George F. Allen Esq from his friend James Kent." Kent was America's first great jurist and legal scholar, a reputation established by his *Commentaries on American Law*. Marvin expressed a widespread belief among American lawyers when he ranked it above Blackstone's *Commentaries*: "England has only furnished one Blackstone, and the American rival equals him in classic purity and elegance of style, and surpasses him in extent and copiousness of learning." This book is from the library of William Dillard, a learned judge from Amherst, Virginia. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 438. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5399. [Order This Item](#)

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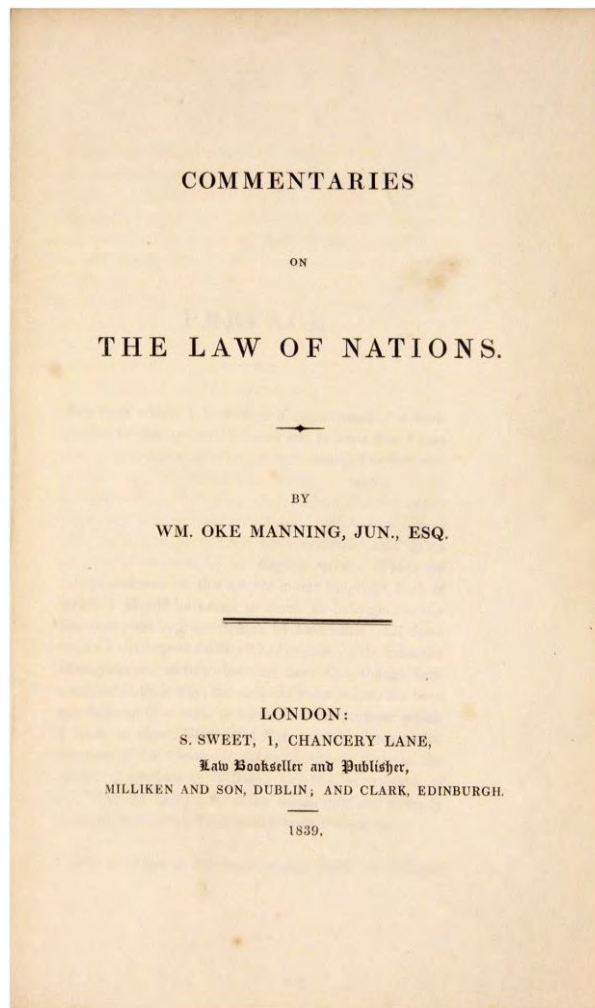
12. [Legal Publishing].

The Boston Book Company.

English Reports, Full Verbatim Reprint Annotated. About 1000 Original Volumes Printed in 150 Books. Boston: Boston Book Company, [c.1900]. 8 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Two folded leaves, stapled, printed in black and orange in self-wrappers. Negligible light soiling, faint horizontal crease through center. \$150.

* This prospectus with a color lithographic illustration for the first installment of one of the most important legal publications of the twentieth century features sample entries and testimonials. Potential buyers are reminded that "English decisions are the fountain-head of our common law." [Order This Item](#)



**The First Systematic Treatise on
International Law by An English Author**

13. Manning, W[illiam] Oke [1809-1878].

Commentaries on the Law of Nations. London, S. Sweet; Milliken and Son, Dublin; and Clark, Edinburgh, 1839. xxviii, 390 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary paper-covered boards, printed paper title label to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A remarkably fresh copy in its contemporary state. \$750.

* First edition. Manning's was the first systematic treatise on international law by a native British author. "Manning's book was noticeable for its historical method, its appreciation of (...) the ethical and customary elements in international law (...) [and] for the exactness of its reasoning and artistic completeness" (*DNB*). A popular textbook, it was cited as an authority in the courts. A second edition edited by Sheldon Amos was published in 1875. It is cited in recent scholarship for its relevance to Victorian England and the legal framework of the British Empire in such works as Bell, ed., *Victorian Visions of Global Order: Empire and Relations in Nineteenth-Century Political Thought* (2007) and Fitzmaurice, *Sovereignty, Property and Empire, 1500-2000* (2014). *Dictionary of National Biography* XII:959. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:232. [Order This Item](#)

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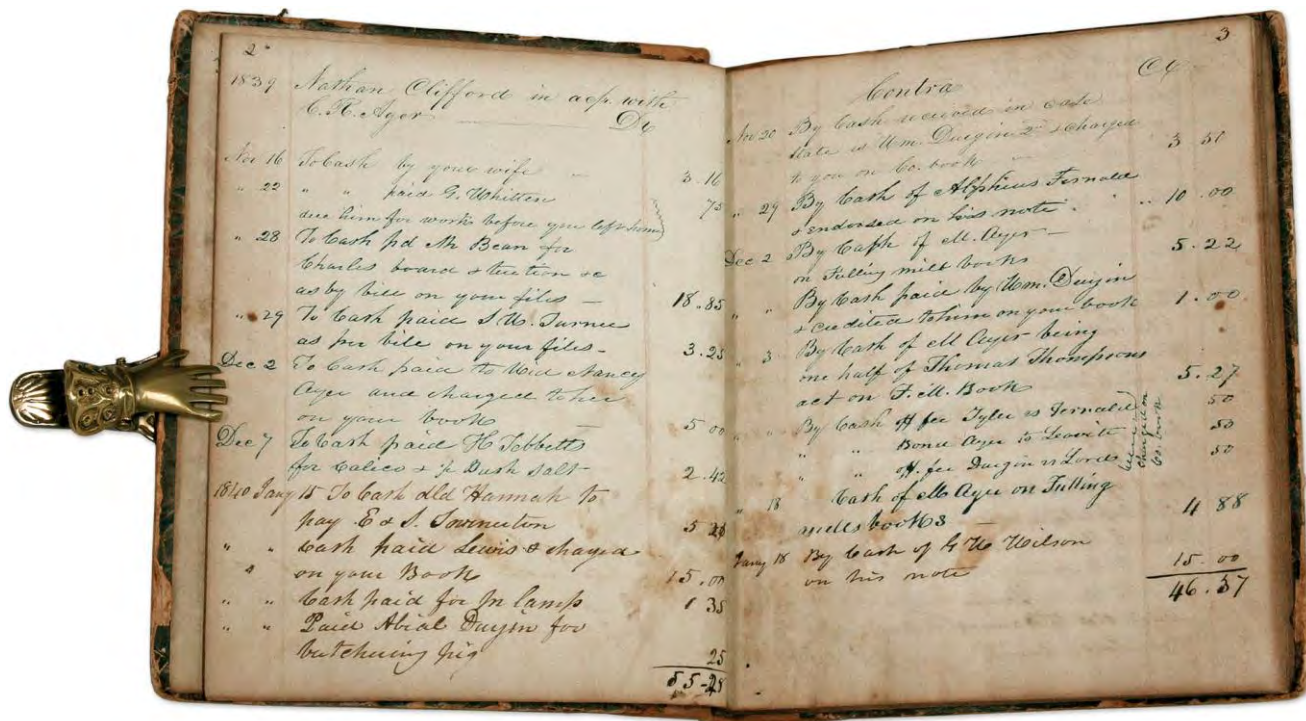
Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

[Shientag, Bernard L. (1887-1952)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Bernard L. Shientag, February 20, 1931].

Single sheet folded to form a pair of 8" x 6" leaves, content to both sides of first leaf and recto of second. Light soiling and edgewear, horizontal fold line. \$950.

* Shientag was a distinguished New York Supreme Court Justice and legal author. The letter reads, in part: "I am very proud of your review of my little book [*Law and Literature and Other Essays* (1931)]. You gave me the idea of fathering the addresses into a volume, so that some of the responsibility for preserving them may perhaps be chargeable to you. It is pleasant to be assured that you have felt no cause for repentance. Your appreciation of my work is a joy and an encouragement." Far from a "little book," Cardozo's *Law and Literature* is widely considered one of the most important American books on the law written in the twentieth century. Cardozo was a justice of the New York Supreme Court from 1914 to 1917, an associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals from 1917 to 1926, chief judge of that court from 1926 to 1932 and an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1932 until his death. He believed that the courts should not just interpret the law, but adapt it to address changing social conditions. [Order This Item](#)



**Account Book of Polk's Attorney General and Ambassador
to Mexico, Later an Associate U.S. Supreme Court Justice**

15. [Manuscript].

Clifford, Nathan [1803-1881].

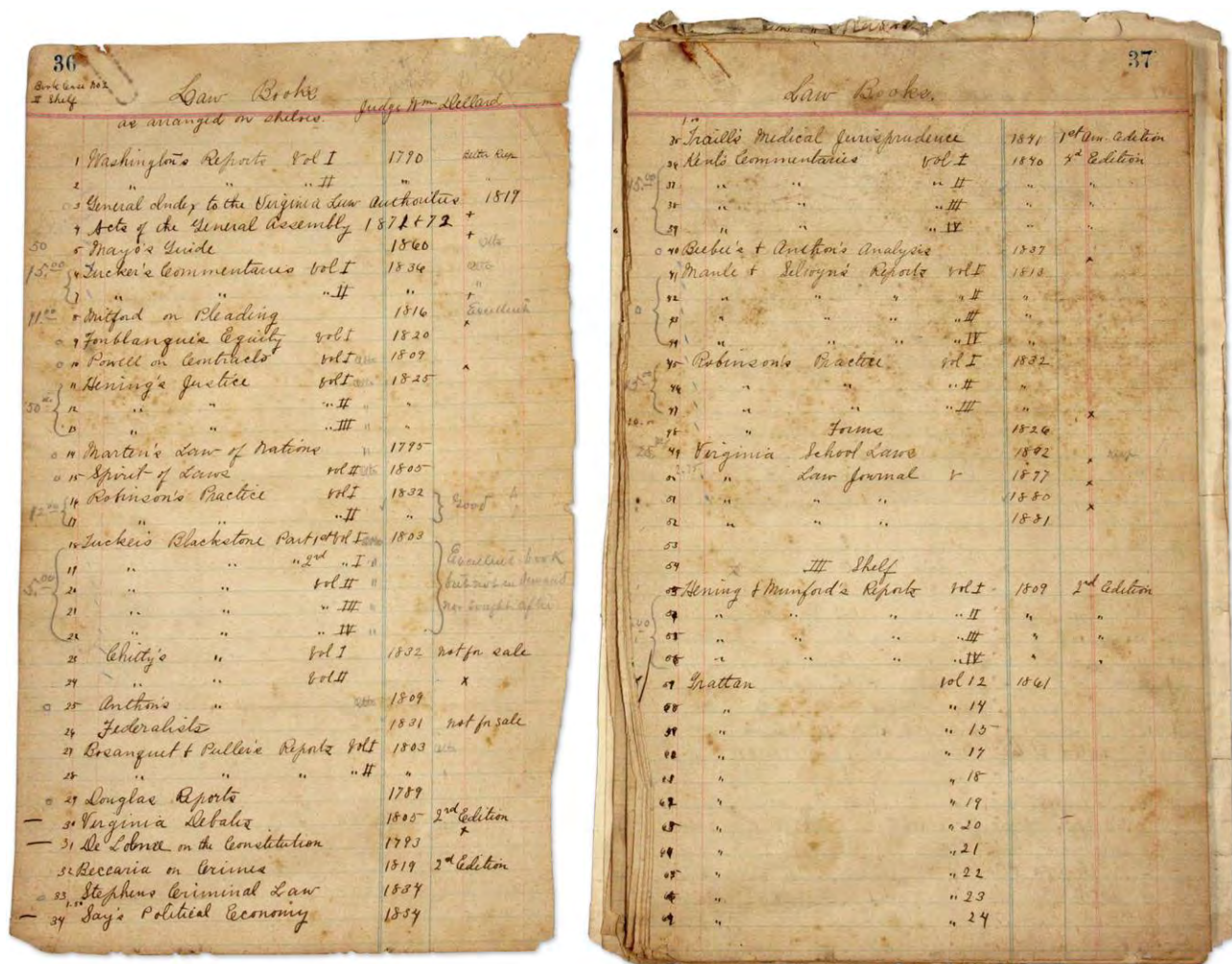
[Clifford, Hannah Ayer (1811-1892)].

[*Account Book*]. Newfield, ME, 1839-1849. [110] pp.

Octavo (7-1/4" x 6-1/4"). Quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, Clifford signature to front pastedown. Light toning to text, content in neat hand to rectos and versos of 62 pages, some entries from 1846 to 1849 in the hand of Clifford's wife, Hannah. \$1,250.

* Clifford read law with Josiah Quincy III and was admitted to the Maine Bar in 1827. After practicing on his own for a few years, he began a law partnership with his brother-in-law Caleb R. Ayer [1813-1884], who was also a prominent Maine politician. Clifford was a U.S. Congressman from 1839 to 1843, attorney general under President Polk from 1846 to 1848 and minister plenipotentiary to Mexico from 1848 to 1849. During that time he helped to draft the Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War. President Buchanan nominated Clifford to the U.S. Supreme Court. He served from 1858 until his death.

This book includes entries relating to Clifford's practice with Ayer, including names of clients and cases. Hannah Clifford's entries date from periods when her husband was in Washington or Mexico. The first two pages, covering dates from November 1839 to mid-January 1840 and with the heading "Clifford & Ayre," appear to reflect expenses from the establishment of the partnership. Intermingled with entries concerning the practice are entries for personal, household and family expenses, such as oil, sugar, tuition, house repairs and personal loans. Among the names mentioned in this book are John Fairfield, the 13th and 16th governor of Maine, Benjamin Webster, Patience Gile, Benjamin Tibbetts and Moses Ayer. [Order This Item](#)



The Impressive Library of a Nineteenth-Century Virginia Judge

16. [Dillard, William T. (1846-1898)].

[Library Inventory of Judge William T. Dillard. Amherst, Virginia, c. 1898]. [17] ff.

15 removed 12" x 7-1/2" ledger leaves, 2 ruled 12-1/2" x 7-3/4" notebook leaves. Light soiling and browning, occasional faint dampstaining, light edgewear to ledger leaves, and faint paperclip stain along top edges, heavier wear to head and foot of notebook leaves with minor loss to text, legibility not affected. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves, one leaf blank, "Judge Wm. Dillard" at head of first leaf. \$1,850.

* A veteran of the Confederate Army who received his law degree from the University of Virginia, Dillard was the Amherst County Court Judge from 1879 to 1897. The ledger leaves appear to have been part of an estate appraisal; most items are accompanied by prices in a different hand. The other leaves may have been an addendum. The first 6 list the contents of his law library, 7 others list his books in other subjects. There are also 3 leaves listing furniture and other housewares. Dillard had an impressive law library with just about every handbook, treatise and reporter a Virginia judge would need. More than a practical working library, it included such theoretical works as Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws* and Beccaria's *Essay on Crimes and Punishments*, *The Federalist* and DeLolme's *Constitution of England*. Among the non-law books are several landmark works in history, economics, literature and poetry. [Order This Item](#)



Day Books of an English Solicitor from 1794, 1803 and 1811

17. [Manuscript].

[Solicitors].

[Kent, England].

Day Book Commencing April 1794. [Kent, England, April 2, 1794-January 13, 1802]. [96] pp.

[With]

[*Day Book*]. [Kent, England, January 3, 1803-January 14, 1811]. [96] pp.

[And]

Day Book Commencing 2nd February 1811. [Kent, England, February 2, 1811-November 11, 1813]. [50] pp.

Quarto (9-1/2" x 8"). 1802 and 1813 books: Stab-stitched booklet in wrappers, manuscript titles to front wrapper; 1811 book: disbound stab-stitched booklet. Some soiling to exteriors, moderate rubbing to extremities with some edgewear and minor chips and tears, light browning to interiors, light soiling and minor stains to a few leaves, rectos and versos of all leaves filled with content in legible hand. \$1,250.

* We believe this manuscript is from Kent because it mentions a number of places there, such as Appledore and Bethersden. Written throughout in a single hand, these books record the daily business of solicitor with a busy practice over a 19-year period. Each entry lists clients, services rendered and fees. Several of these include brief memoranda. Taken together, these books are both a record of a practitioner's professional activities and a window into the social and economic networks of Kent in the years around the turn of the nineteenth century. [Order This Item](#)



Antebellum Virginia Docket Book

18. [Manuscript].

[Virginia].

[Justice's Docket Book, Amherst County, Virginia, 1850-1859]. Two books. [200]; [212] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4" and 12-3/4" x 8").

Quarter and three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, one book has lettering piece reading "Justice's Docket." Bindings lightly cocked, moderate rubbing to boards and board edges with light wear to corners, spine of one book abraded, its boards partially detached. Light toning, light foxing in places, staining to leaves at beginning and end of each book. Text in legible hands to approximately 80 pp., a few leaves, removed, torn or partially lacking with some loss to content, one book has additional annotations to pastedowns and adjacent endleaves. \$1,850.

* This ledger records appearances at a Virginia Justice's Court, most likely in Amherst, the county seat of Amherst County, Virginia. (This location indicated by the names of several parties from Amherst and nearby locations, among them Dr. William S. Dillard, a member of a prominent Amherst family. We acquired this item from one of Dillard's descendants.) The entries are organized in columns under the following headings: "Parties Names," "Date of Judgment," "Amount of Judgment," "Interest from Costs," "Exon. When Delivered," "To Whom Delivered," "When Returnable" and "Return." Most of the cases date from 1850 to 1859. There are also some notes recording sales transactions dated 1880 to 1889 at the rear of one book, along with a set of recipes for foxgrape wine dated 1881. [Order This Item](#)



"The Trunk Murderess"

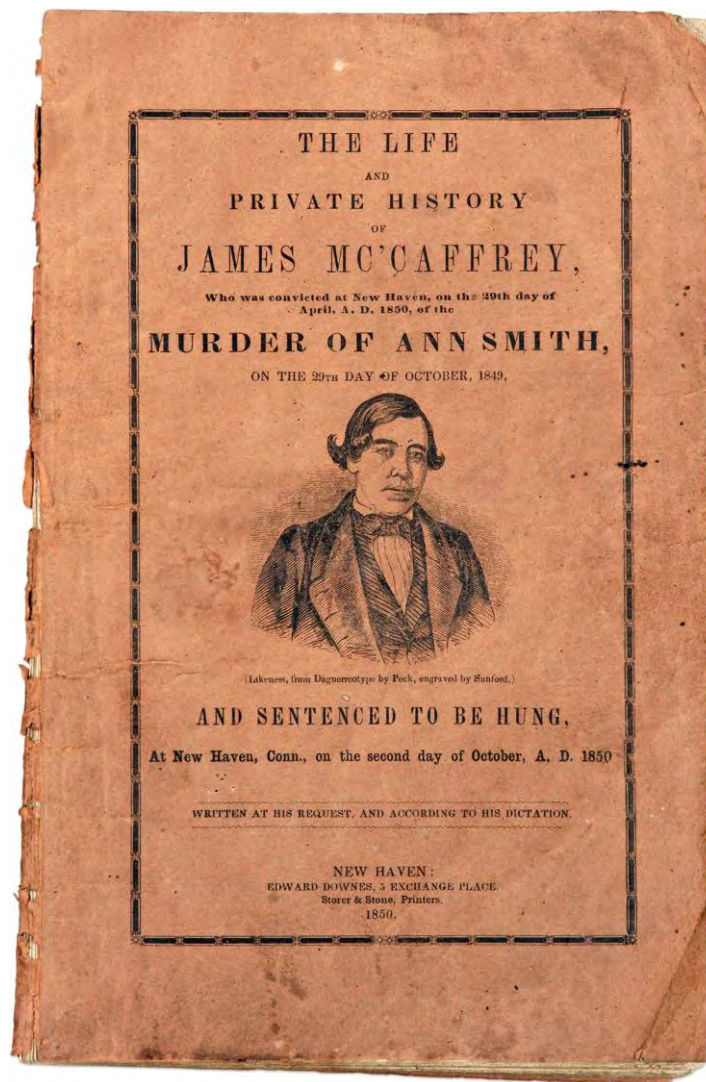
19. McKinnell, Burton Joy.

The Truth About Winnie Ruth Judd, By Her Brother. [Phoenix, AZ: Burton Joy McKinnell, 1932]. 20 pp. Photo illustrations.

Stapled 12" X 9" pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities, horizontal and vertical fold lines, repair to tear at foot of front wrapper, author inscription to verso. Light toning to interior, light browning to a few leaves, underlining and other marks in a few places. \$450.

* This well-illustrated pamphlet relates to one the most notorious murder cases of the 1930s. Known as the "Trunk Murderess," Winnie Ruth Judd [1905-1998], a medical secretary from Phoenix, was convicted for the 1931 murder of two friends that she considered rivals for the affections of a local businessman. The murders were discovered when the bodies were found in Judd's trunks and other luggage, which she took on a trip to Los Angeles. After a trial and a failed appeal in 1932, Judd was sentenced to death. The verdict was repealed, however, when she was found to be mentally incompetent. She was committed to an asylum in Arizona in 1933. After several escapes over the following decades, she was paroled in 1971. *The Truth About Winnie Ruth Judd* was published to raise funds for her appeal. No copies located on OCLC.

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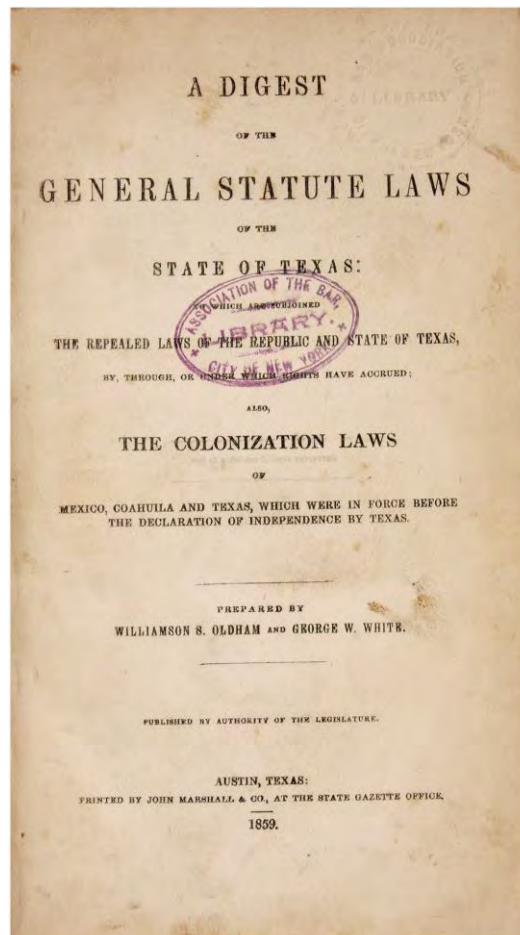
20. [Murder].

McCaffrey, James [1813-1850].

The Life and Private History of James McCaffrey, Who Was Convicted at New Haven on the 29th day of April, A.D. 1850, Of the Murder of Ann Smith on the 29th day of October 1849, And Sentenced to be Hung at New Haven, Conn., On the Second Day of October, A.D. 1850. Written at His Request, And According to His Dictation. New Haven: Edward Downes, 5 Exchange Place, Storer & Stone, Printers, 1850. 32 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Some soiling and a few minor stains, binding slightly cocked, moderate rubbing and a few minor creases and tears to edges of wrappers, spine abraded, rear wrapper partially detached but secure. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, corners of a few leaves dog-eared. \$1,350.

* Only edition. "McCaffrey was convicted of killing an elderly couple, Charles and Ann Smith, of New Haven, while he was negotiating to buy their tavern" (McDade). OCLC locates 3 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Trinity College, University of Michigan). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 644. [Order This Item](#)



The Last Compilation of Texas Law Published Before the Civil War

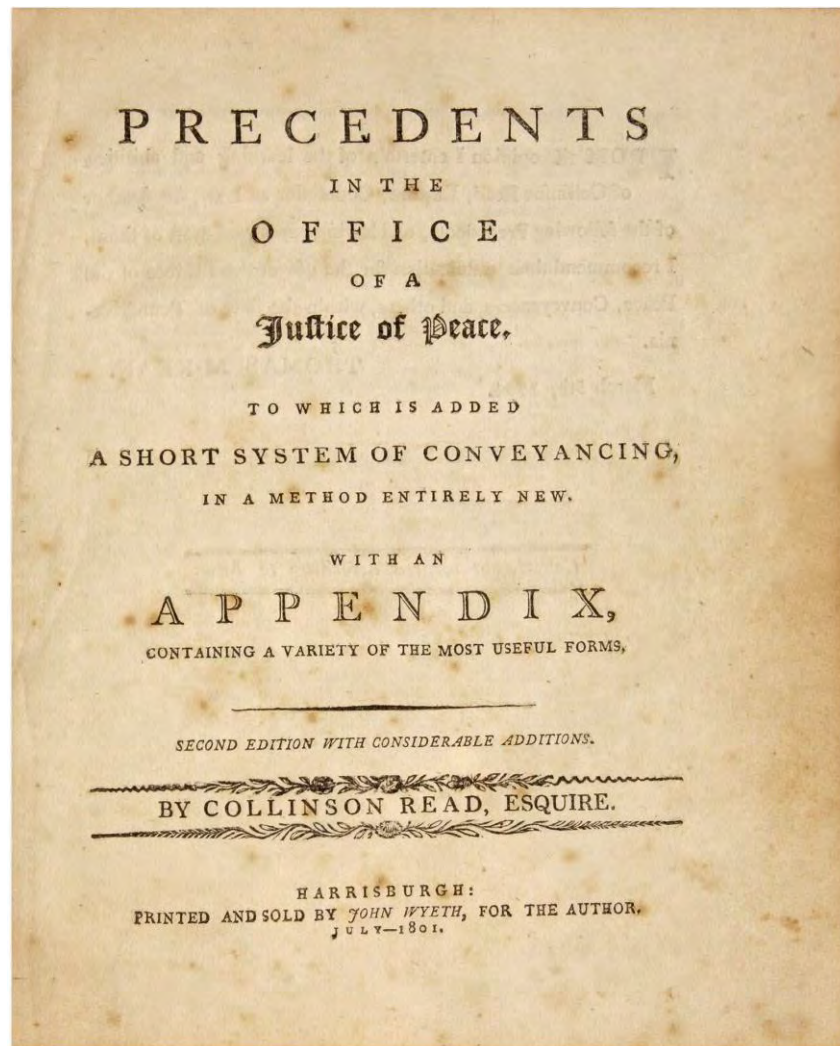
21. Oldham, Williamson S., Compiler.

White, George, Compiler.

A Digest of the General Statute Laws of the State of Texas: To Which Are Subjoined the Repealed Laws of the Republic and State of Texas, By, Through, or Under Which Rights Have Accrued; Also, the Colonization Laws of Mexico, Coahuila and Texas, Which Were in Force Before the Declaration of Independence by Texas. Published by Authority of the Legislature. Austin: Printed by John Marshall & co., 1859. [iv], [iii]-iv, 836, [3] pp. Octavo (10" x 6").

Early 20th-century cloth retaining original red and black lettering pieces, small library shelf label to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. Light shelfwear and soiling, a few minor spots and stains, front endleaf partially detached, cracks in text block before title page and after final index leaf. Light toning to text, light soiling and two small library stamps to title page, a few library marks to its verso. \$850.

* First edition. An essential Texas law title, this was the third compilation of Texas laws and the final compilation published before the Civil War. It includes a thorough index and unabridged texts of several key documents, such as the Articles of Annexation, the Joint Resolution for the Admission of the State of Texas into the Union, the Texas and United States Constitutions. A one-page addenda at rear adds "An Act to Encourage the Reclamation of Slaves, Escaping Beyond the Limits of the Slave Territories of the United States," that was "accidentally overlooked" by the compilers. Jenkins, *Basic Texas Books* 69. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5734.50. [Order This Item](#)



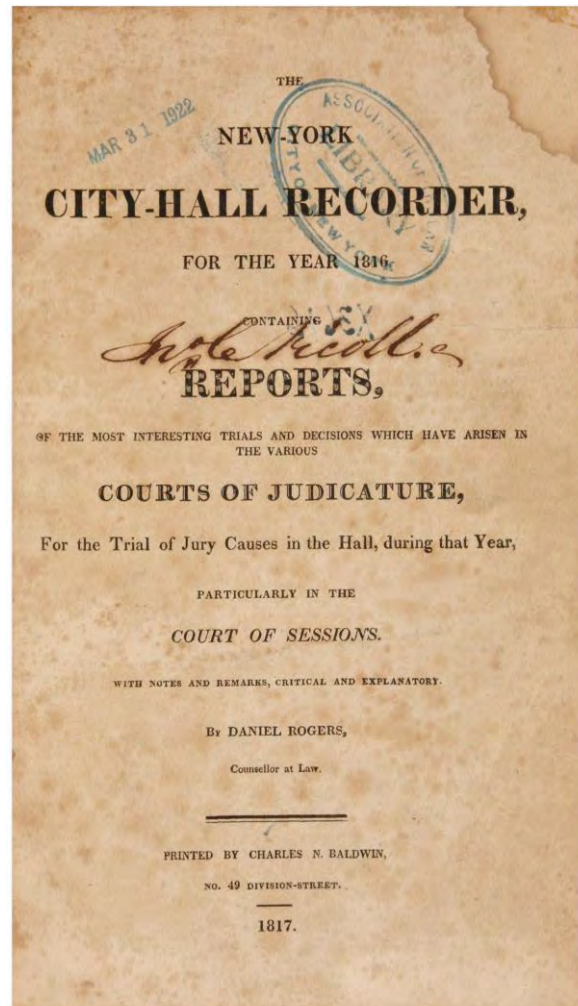
With a Novel System for Drafting of Forms

22. Read, Collinson [1751-1815].

Precedents in the Office of A Justice of Peace. To Which is Added a Short System of Conveyancing, In a Method Entirely New. With an Appendix, Containing a Variety of the Most Useful Forms. With Considerable Additions. Harrisburg: Printed and Sold by John Wyeth, 1801. [iv], 63, [1], 36, [1] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary quarter sheep over paper boards. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning and light spotting to text, a few leaves partially detached and lightly edgeworn. An attractive copy. \$650.

* Second edition. This popular manual was first published in 1794. An interesting feature is its "Short System of Conveyancing." This is a collection of numbered texts that can be combined to create a variety of forms. According to Read's explanation, "[e]ach of the following tables [i.e. texts] may be written on a separate card or piece of paper (leaving the proper blanks) which, when filled with a black lead pencil, may be so arranged, as to form any common conveyance. When copied, the traces of the pencil may be rubbed off with elastic gum, and the tables again be fit for use" (41). Read was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar who received his legal education in London. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8137. [Order This Item](#)



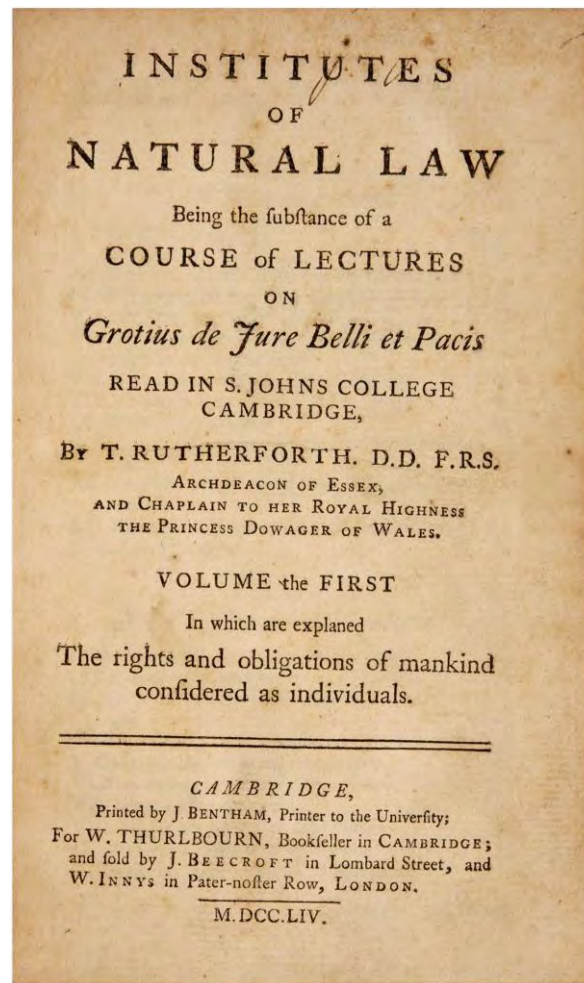
A New York City Counterpart to the *Newgate Calendar*

23. Rogers, Daniel, Reporter.

The New-York City-Hall Recorder, For the Year 1816. Containing Reports, Of the Most Interesting Trials and Decisions Which Have Arisen in the Various Courts of Judicature, For the Trial of Jury Causes in the Hall, During that Year, Particularly in the Court of Sessions. With Notes and Remarks, Critical and Explanatory. [New York]: Printed by Charles N. Baldwin, 1817. iv, 204 pp. Twelve parts with continuous pagination and drop-head titles; first part preceded by general title page. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 6").

Twentieth-century library buckram, gilt title and library name to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, early owner signature, two small later library stamps and minor dampstain to title page, early owner mark (?) to its verso. \$750.

* Published from 1817 to 1822 in monthly installments, *The City-Hall Recorder* was a digest of jury trials compiled in the manner of England's *Newgate Calendar*. Our volume contains the first full year of this publication, January-December 1816. It includes an index of cases and an index of topics. These cases deal with a remarkable range of subjects, such as bigamy, cock fights, slaves, idle children, vagrants and female criminals. Not in Cohen. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:487. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of the
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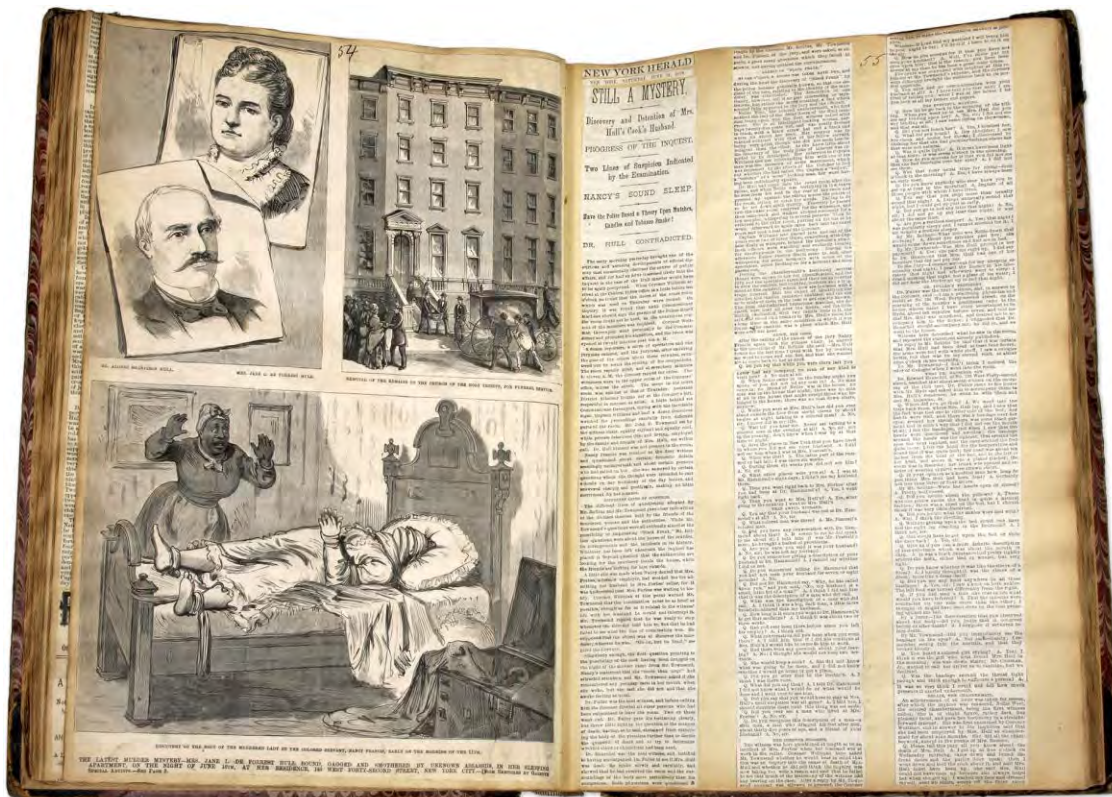
24. Rutherford, Thomas [1712-1771].

Institutes of Natural Law Being the Substance of a Course of Lectures on Grotius de Jure Belli et Pacis Read in S. Johns College Cambridge. In Which are Explained the Rights and Obligations of Mankind Considered as Individuals. Cambridge: Printed by J. Bentham, Printer to the University; For W. Thurlbourn [et al.], 1754. Two volumes. [xvi], 495, [1]; [x], 692 pp. Half-title lacking from Volume II. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Nineteenth-century calf, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing and scuffing, front joints cracked, rear joints starting, a few cracks to text blocks. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, mostly in Volume I, faint dampstaining to text block of Volume II, brief early annotations to a few leaves in Volume I, part-erased early owner initials to head of title page. \$1,250.

* First edition. This exposition of natural law and *De Jure Belli et Pacis* was one of the most important English treatises of the period. It was a standard text in Great Britain and America for several decades. As late as 1847, Marvin observed that Rutherford was still "considered one of the ablest commentators upon Grotius" because "[h]is work is clearly and logically written, and exhibits great acuteness, sound argument, and learning." This book is from the library of William Dillard, a learned judge from Amherst, Virginia. *Legal Bibliography* 625. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T142202.

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Compiled by an Eminent New York City Lawyer

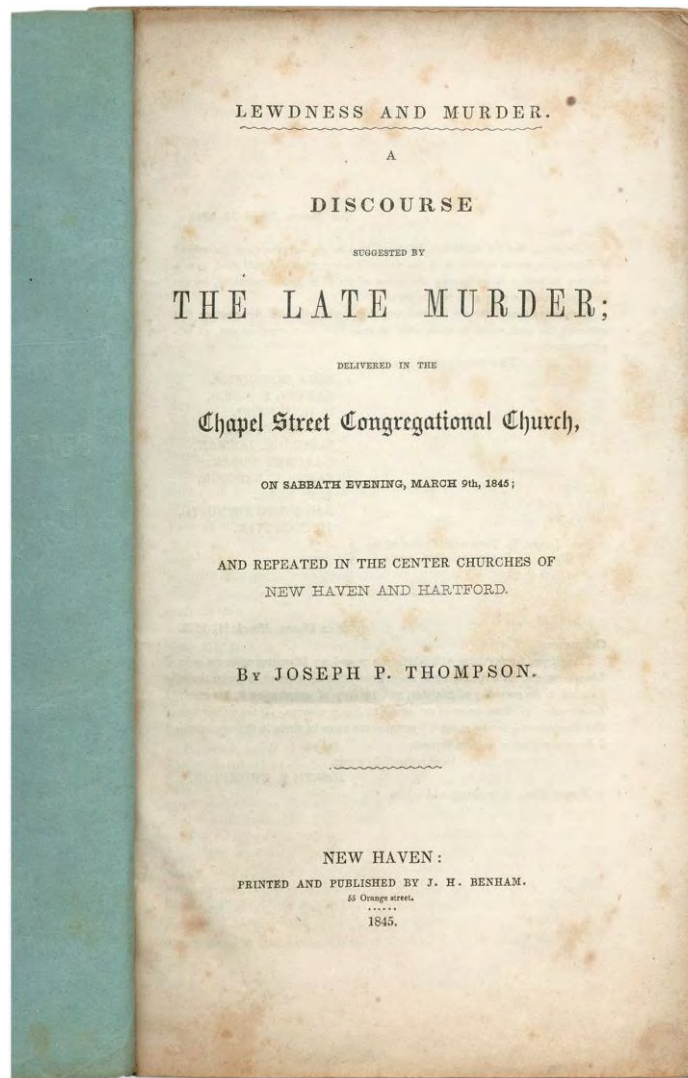
25. [Scrapbook].

[Townsend, John D. (1835-1896)].

[*Law Points as Brought Forth in Different Cases*]. New York, NY, April 12, 1869-November 15, 1893. Two books. 178; [172] pp. Folio (14" x 9-1/2").

Three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, ruled sheet with manuscript note reading "vol. 7" to front board of one book, small label with manuscript note listing cases and "vol. 8" to other book. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, spines perished, boards secure. Newspaper clippings, some with annotations, affixed to rectos and versos of each leaf, a few tipped-in items, a few other clippings and notes affixed to pastedowns, library markings to front free endpapers. Light toning to newspaper clippings, moderate toning to leaves. \$1,500.

* Townsend was a distinguished New York City lawyer and politician from one of the city's oldest and most socially prominent families. Although he was a Democrat who once served as William "Boss" Tweed's defence attorney, he was a reformer who played an important part in efforts to reduce corruption in New York City government. His articles against corruption were collected and posthumously published in a book entitled *New York in Bondage* (1901). Our scrapbooks, apparently two from a series of compiled by Townsend, contains newspaper accounts chronicling his court cases or other cases that interested him. Most of Vol. 8 is devoted to the 1879 murder of socialite Jane Lawrence DeForest Hull, who was accidentally suffocated while being robbed by her former lover, an African-American man named Chastine Cox, who entered her bedroom, tied her to her bed, gagged her mouth with a sheet and stole pieces from her jewelry case. It was the sensational New York City Case of the day. Along with the clippings, which document Townsend's role, there is a letter from Hull's husband and a group of friends and relatives asking Townsend to investigate Hull's murder from Hull's husband and ten other relatives and friends. [Order This Item](#)



Murdered with a Pike Pole

26. Thompson, Joseph P. [1819-1879].

Lewdness and Murder: A Discourse Suggested by the Late Murder, Delivered in the Chapel Street Congregational Church, On Sabbath Evening, March 9th 1845: And Reported in the Center Churches of New Haven and Hartford. New Haven: Printed and Published by J.H. Benham, 1845. 24 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, a few minor stains and some minor wear to corners, spine worn away, wrappers partially detached but secure, faint vertical crease through center, moderate toning and light foxing to text. \$300.

* First edition. Thompson's sermon discusses the recent murder of Lucius P. Osborn by Andrew P. Potter, a "lewd" individual. Potter borrowed a watch from Osborn. Wanting to keep it, he murdered Potter by bashing his skull with a pike pole. Thompson shows that a man corrupted by lewdness is likely to become a criminal who will commit brutal acts. OCLC locates 1 copy in a law library (Yale). Not in McDade. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12929.

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An Axe-Murder in Camden, NJ: McDade 494

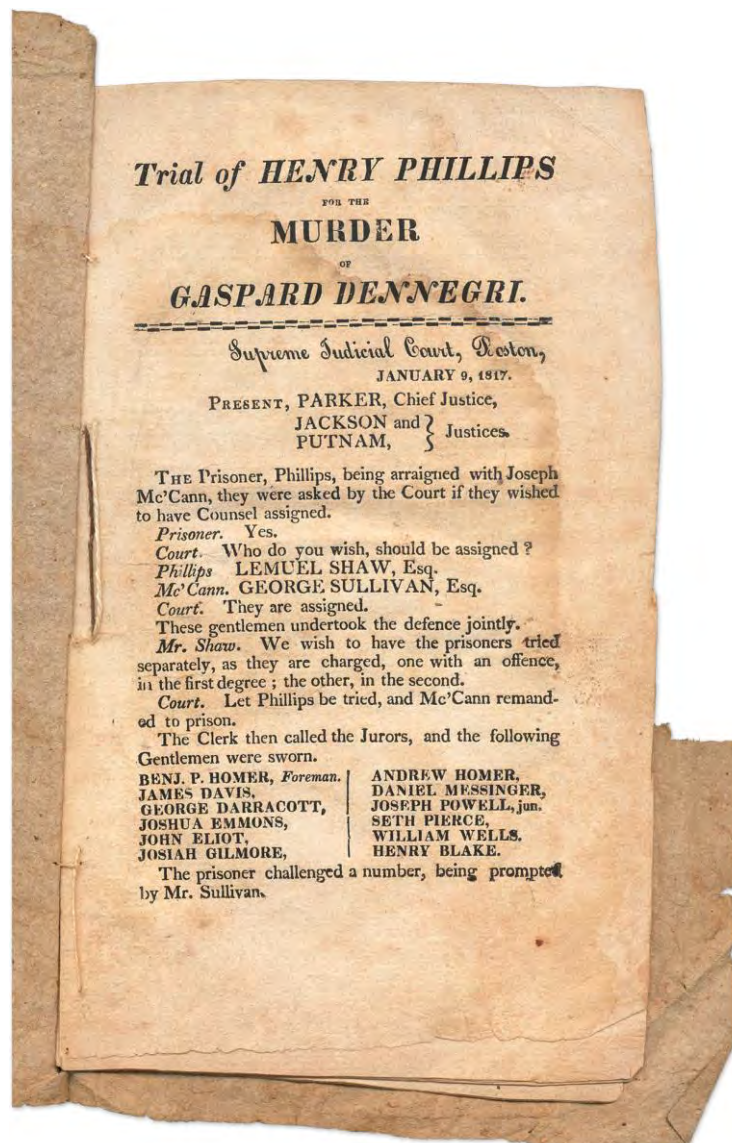
27. [Trial].

Hunter, Benjamin F. [d. 1879], Defendant.

Hunter-Armstrong Tragedy. The Great Trial. Conviction of Benj. F. Hunter for the Murder of John M. Armstrong. Philadelphia: Barclay & Company, 1878. [ii], 19-86 pp. Main text in parallel columns. 7 full-page woodcuts. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, cover title reads, in part: *The Life, Trial and Execution of Benjamin F. Hunter*. Light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few chips and tears to edges of wrappers, which are beginning to detach at foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$850.

* Only edition, one of five issues. "Hunter had lost \$7,000 when he invested in Armstrong's music-publishing company. Thinking to turn his loss into a profit, he insured Armstrong's life \$25,000. With a hired assistant, Tom Graham, he enticed Armstrong to Camden, New Jersey, and there bashed his head in with an axe which he had carefully marked with the initials of another man to throw suspicion on him. Though he remained unconscious, Armstrong survived, and Hunter, calling at his home, hastened his death by tearing the bandages from his head. Graham confessed and hunter was convicted and hanged, and he was actually hanged by hand" (McDade). Other issues of this pamphlet have different cover titles and paginations. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of our 86-page issue, 1 in a law library (University of Missouri). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 494. [Order This Item](#)



Fatally Struck by a Loggerhead: McDade 746

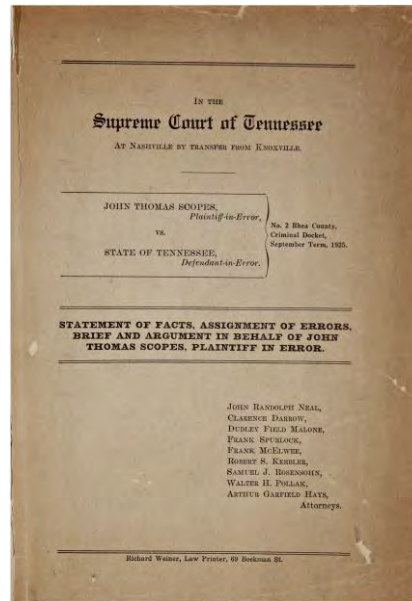
28. [Trial].

Philips, Henry.

Trial of Henry Philips for the Murder of Gaspard Dennegri [sic]. *Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, January 9, 1817.* [(Boston): Printed by Thomas G. Bangs, (1817)]. 24 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Chipping and a few tears to edges, upper section lacking from rear wrapper. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places. \$1,250.

* Only edition. "Denegri was struck on the head by a loggerhead during a minor disturbance at a tavern. Today the circumstances would at the most be considered manslaughter, but Poor Philips was found guilty of murder and hanged" (McDade). OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Social Law). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 746. [Order This Item](#)



Three Items from *Scopes v. State*, The Appeal that Followed the "Monkey" Trial

29. [Trial].

Scopes, John T. [1900-1970], Plaintiff in Error.

In the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Nashville by Transfer from Knoxville Docket September Term, 1925. Statement of Facts Assignment of Errors, Brief and Argument in Behalf of John Thomas Scopes, Plaintiff-in-Error. John Randolph Neal, Clarence Darrow, Dudley Field Malone, Frank Spurlock, Frank McElhvee, Robert S. Keebler, Samuel J. Rosensohn, Walter H. Pollak, Arthur Garfield Hays, Attorneys. [Nashville]: Richard Weiner, Law Printer, 1925. [iv], 141 pp. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

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[Scopes, John T.].

In the Supreme Court of Tennessee. John Thomas Scopes, Plaintiff-in Error, vs. State of Tennessee, Defendant-in-Error. Opinion of Court. [Bowling Green, KY: The Court Press, (1927)]. 23 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

[And]

[Scopes, John T.].

In the Supreme Court of Tennessee. John Thomas Scopes, Plaintiff-in Error, vs. State of Tennessee, Defendant-in-Error. Argument of Arthur Garfield Hays. May 31, 1926. N.p.: S.n., 1926. 21 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Softbound pamphlets in stiff wrappers bound in one. Tan library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light soiling, corners bumped. Light soiling to pamphlet wrappers, toning to interior, title page and following two leaves of first title detached with some chipping to edges, library stamps and markings to versos of title pages. \$1,000.

* These items relate to the appeal that followed the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial," which ended on July 21, 1925 with a guilty verdict and a \$100.00 fine. Scopes was found to have violated the Butler Act, a statute forbidding the teaching of evolution in Tennessee's public schools. Scopes's case was appealed to the Tennessee Supreme Court. In a 3-1 decision, the Butler Act was held to be constitutional, but overturned Scopes's conviction on a technicality. In a violation of correct procedure the judge set the fine instead of the jury. Scopes went on to earn a graduate degree in geology and worked as a geologist for Gulf Oil and the United Gas Corporation. OCLC locates 14 copies of the *Statement of Facts*, 7 in law libraries (Harvard, Jenkins, Social Law, University of Michigan, UT-Austin, Vanderbilt, Yale). The *Opinion of Court* and *Argument of Arthur Garfield Hays* are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the *Opinion* (at the University of Michigan Law School) and 1 copy of Hays's *Argument* (at Yale Law School). [Order This Item](#)



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30. [United States].

[Colvin, J[ohn] B. (d. 1827), Compiler].

[French, Benjamin B. French (1899-1877), Compiler].

[Bioren, John, Printer].

Laws of the United States of America, From the 4th of March, 1789, to the 4th of March, 1815, Including The Constitution of the United States, The Old Act of Confederation, Treaties, and Many Other Valuable Ordinances and Documents; With Copious Notes and References. Philadelphia: John Bioren and W. John Duane, 1815. Five volumes. Complete.

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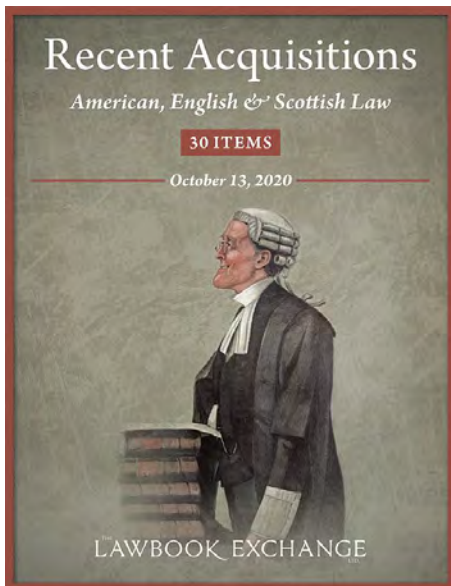
Colvin, John B. [and Others], Compilers.

Laws of the United States of America, From the 4th of March, 1821, To the [3rd of March, 1845].... Corresponding With, And Intended as a Continuation of, The Edition of Bioren & Co. as Published by Authority of an Act of Congress. Washington, DC: Printed and Published by Davis & Force [and other publishers], 1822-1845. Five volumes (numbered 6-10). Complete.

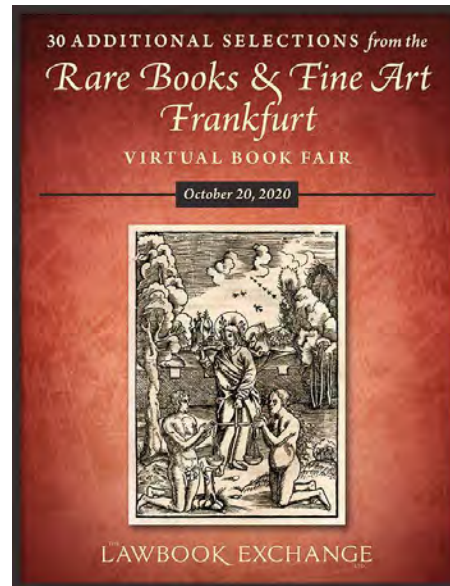
Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2"). Twentieth-century library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and small paper location labels, some fragmentary, to spines, endpapers renewed. Light soiling and shelfwear, spine ends and corners lightly bumped, some nicks and chipping to lettering pieces, front hinge of Volume 6 cracked. Moderate toning, light foxing and light browning in places, library stamps and marks to title pages, title page and following leaf of Volume 6 partially detached, most volumes have a few dog-eared leaves. \$2,500.

* First editions. Volume I contains the text of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the proposed thirteenth amendment of 1810. Each volume contains glosses and a thorough index. Volume 5 is a general index to Volumes 1-4. Known as "Bioren Laws," this edition was compiled under the direction of the attorney general to fulfill an 1814 Congressional act calling for a uniform edition of U.S. laws. It also contains land claims, notes on the origins of various governmental departments and treaties with foreign powers and Indians. Surrency observes this compilation perpetuated an error regarding the thirteenth amendment. "At the time John B. Colvin was editing the laws, a proposed thirteenth amendment lacked ratification by one state, yet was included in the Constitution. The editor acknowledged in the preface that he knew the amendment had been ratified by only twelve states, and evidently he thought that one additional state needed for ratification would be found. In 1818, Congress discovered that the amendment had not received the prerequisite number of ratifications, but even as late as 1843, it was widely assumed that the amendment was part of the Constitution. Without a doubt, the publication of the amendment in the compilation contributed to the misconception." Surrency, *A History of American Law Publishing* 104-105, 316. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 554. [Order This Item](#)

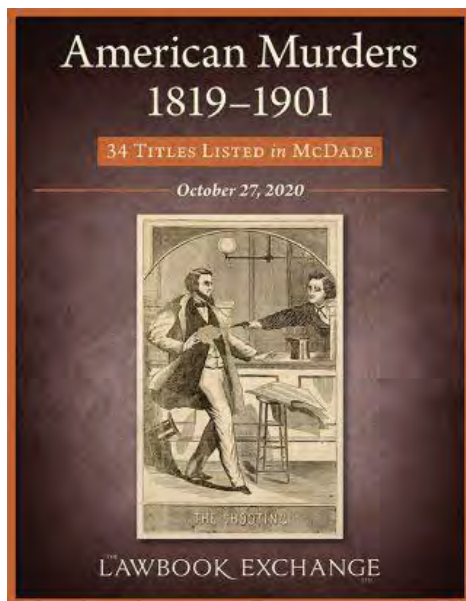
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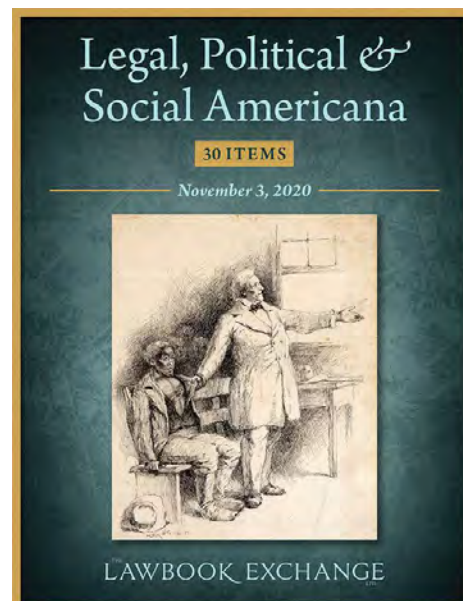
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